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b. The protest letter, signed by KLEIN, FREI and BOHL on behalf of the Jewish Communists in Austria, protested the arrests and the persecution of Jews in the Soviet Union. The letter was addressed directly to STALIN and contained a plea for protection and justice for the Communist-true Jews in the Soviet Union. The petition also emphasized that it had been the Jews who had suffered so much sorrow and grief from Fascism and that both the Soviet and the Austrian Jews had found their salvation and rescue in Communism. The Austrian Communists of Jewish descent protested any persecution of their Jewish brothers in the Soviet Union. The history of Communism showed that Jews had been the most active Communists and the best propagandists of the doctrines of MARX and LENIN. They had greatly contributed to the victory of Communism in the Soviet Union.

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2. Hugo FRISCHMANN, an editor of the LINZ-URFAHR Communist Party paper, Neue Zeit, a Jew himself, commented on the matter as follows: *

"A note of protest has never been submitted by Jewish members of the Communist Party of Austria. The Jewish provincial organization had asked for such a note but the Jews who had been victims of persecution in Upper Austria and were members of the Communist Party of Austria objected. The matter was once under discussion in the Jewish organization in Upper Austria, and the international solidarity of the Jews was stressed. However, no decision was made to submit such a note of protest. "

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Comment:

* This information contradicts the statement "All Jews ...", made in a previous report, in that the Jews in the provincial organization of the Communist Party of Austria in Upper Austria apparently are not involved. It is nevertheless believed probable that the information [redacted] is correct and that such a step was actually made but was frustrated by the Central Committee for obvious reasons of party discipline.

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